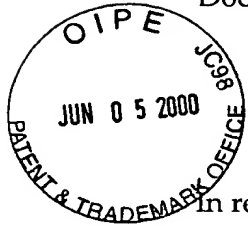


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Copies of all the documents are enclosed herewith. It is respectfully requested that this art be considered by the examiner in the above-identified application and made of record therein.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (b) it is believed that no fee is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any the filing of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1540.

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